



April 6, 2004

United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NORTHEAST REGION

15 State Street

Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3572

Dear Interested Citizen:

This is to announce the availability and public comment period beginning Friday, April 9, 2004, of the [Environmental Assessment \(EA\)](#) for the City of Everett's proposal to construct a new high school in a portion of Glendale Park, and to replace the converted parkland with three new parks in the City. This public comment period will close on Friday, May 14, 2004.

In 1979 the City of Everett received a federal grant through the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) to improve Glendale Park. By accepting the grant, the City agreed to protect Glendale Park for public outdoor recreation use as required by Section 6(f) of the LWCF Act. However, Section 6(f) does allow the conversion of parkland, as long as the community provides substitute parkland that is of at least equal fair market value and of reasonably equivalent usefulness. A National Park Service decision is required on all proposals to convert parkland protected under Section 6(f).

The purpose of this EA is to provide a decision-making framework for the National Park Service to evaluate the environmental impacts of the partial conversion of the 10.69-acre Glendale Park in Everett, Massachusetts, and the determination of whether the replacement parklands are an adequate substitution for the appraised value and recreational usefulness of the parkland converted by the proposed high school and associated school activities. The City of Everett has identified three parks totaling 8.9 acres as replacement parks at other locations within the City.

You can review and comment on the Environmental Assessment (EA) in the following ways:

1. Copies of the EA along with instructions on how to comment have been placed in the following public locations in Everett: .

Parlin Memorial Library, 410 Broadway

Shute Memorial Library, 781 Broadway

City Clerk's Office; City Hall, 484 Broadway, Room. 10

Office of Community & Economic Development, City Hall, 484 Broadway, Room 39

2. You can find a copy of the EA on the Internet. Go to <http://www.nps.gov/lwcf> and click on "Everett, MA Environmental Assessment" under the "What's New" section. The site will provide instructions on how to review and comment on the EA.

3. A limited number of compact disks (CDs) are available containing the entire EA. To request a CD, write or send an e-mail request to:

Ms. Elizabeth Debski, Director

Office of Community & Economic Development City Hall, Room 39 484 Broadway

Everett, MA 02149

Email: beth.debski@ci.everett.ma.us

4. A limited number of printed copies are available for those who cannot obtain a copy using the options described above. To request a printed copy of the document, contact Ms. Debski at the address above.

We encourage you to review and comment on the EA as soon as possible. All **written public comments sent via the Internet, overnight or regular mail will be accepted if received by Friday, May 14, 2004, 5:00 p.m.**

Send all overnight and regular mail correspondence to:

Mr. Jack W. Howard, Manager Attention: Everett
National Park Service
200 Chestnut Street, 3rd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

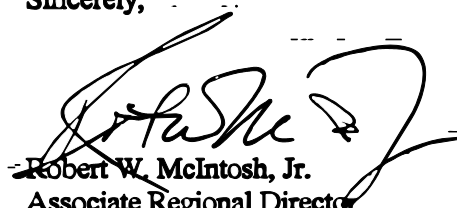
Include your name and return address in the body of all your messages. Your comments along with your name and address will be made available for public review. However, individual respondents may request that we withhold their names and addresses from the public record. We will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state that request prominently at the beginning of your comment. Anonymous comments will not be considered.

Also, a public meeting to hear a presentation on the proposal as well as to give you a chance to publicly comment will be held at 7:00 p.m., April 27, 2004, at the Everett Armory, 90 Chelsea Street in Everett. After the presentation, individuals wishing to make a comment will be asked to first note their intent to do so at the meeting on a card to be turned into the meeting coordinator. Each individual will be allowed up to five minutes to make their comments known. All comments will become part of the official public record.

For more information about this proposal, consult the website at <http://www.nps.gov/lwcf>. Click on "What's New" and you will find the EA.

Thank you for your interest in this project. If you have any questions, please call Jack Howard at 215-597-1565.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. McIntosh", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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